



# The Courier

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

March 2023

Court Street United Methodist Church

### Confession and Forgiveness

March typically aligns with the Christian season of Lent, in which we are called to repent and spiritually prepare for the celebration of Easter and Christ's resurrection. Here are some Bible verses about confessing our sins and forgiving others. I ask you to read and study these during the month of March.

**March 1-***"From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ~ Matthew 4:17*

**March 2-***"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." ~ 2 Peter 3:9*

**March 3-***"Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out" ~ Acts 3:19*

**March 4-***"No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." ~ Luke 13:3*

**March 5-***"And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." ~ Acts 2:38*

**March 6-***"The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent" ~ Acts 17:30*

**March 7-***Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ~ Matthew 3:8*

**March 8-***"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." ~ 1 John 1:9*

**March 9-***"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." ~ James 5:16*

**March 10-***"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." ~ Proverbs 28:13*

**March 11-***"Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." ~ Romans 10:9*

**March 12-***"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." ~ 1 John 4:15*

**March 13-***"No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also." ~ 1 John 2:23*

**March 14-***"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." ~ James 4:7*

**March 15-***"I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." ~ Luke 5:32*

**March 16-***"God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins." ~ Acts 5:31*

**March 17-***"Correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth" ~ 2 Timothy 2:25*

**March 18-***"Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." ~ Luke 15:7*

**March 19-***"For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death." ~ 2 Corinthians 7:10*

**March 20-***"And that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem." ~ Luke 24:47*

**March 21-***"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." ~ 2 Chronicles 7:14*

**March 22-** *"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."* ~ Ephesians 4:32

**March 23-** *"And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."* ~ Mark 11:25

**March 24-** *"Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."* ~ Colossians 3:13

**March 25-** *"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth."* ~ Ephesians 1:7-10

**March 26-** *"And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."* ~ Acts 2:38

**March 27-** *"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."* ~ Isaiah 55:7

**March 28-** *"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."* ~ Colossians 1:13-14

**March 29-** *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."* ~ John 3:16-17

**March 30-** *"For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you."* ~ Psalm 86:5

**March 31-** *"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."* ~ Psalm 32:5

*~ Pastor Bill Burleigh*

**CONFESSION IS THE KEY THAT OPENS THE DOOR TO FORGIVENESS.**

#### MARCH'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

March 5: "Sharing in Jesus' Cup"

March 12: "The Source of Jesus' Authority"

March 19: "What Do We Owe the Emperor?"

March 26: "Great Expectations"

**Join us every Sunday after worship service in the Wesley Guild.**



[tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY VOTES ARE IN!** A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring. Predictions were made for the Eagles to win, but the Chiefs won in the end! Both in the game itself and in our donations. The Eagles collection can had \$71.73 and the Chiefs had \$271.45, but the real winner was Parkview Mission's Food for Families who will receive \$343.18 to help with their Wednesday night meals. 3149 groups participated in The Souper Bowl of Caring with a total of 1,510,280.62 raised for local charities.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS FROM SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW** are available in the Bishop Early Hall. These daily devotionals start with Ash Wednesday, so you have extra time to take a few to friends and neighbors. If you would rather get the devotion emailed to you daily; go to SoSA's website to sign up. <https://endhunger.org/lent/>

Call the church office if you would like a copy mailed to you 😊

**WORSHIP NIGHT** Our first Worship Night service will take place on **Thursday, March 2, at 7 pm**. This service will have a relaxed, casual atmosphere and will feature guests helping to lead worship. It would be wonderful to see you (and your friends) join us for the Worship Night.

**LIYA MUSIC CAMP RETURNS** for its second year at Court Street! We are excited to once again host this weeklong summer camp for young musicians July 24th – 28th. Registration is open on the camp website [www.liyacamp.org](http://www.liyacamp.org). Help us get the word out to our community about this wonderful and affordable camp.

Scholarships are available for those who need assistance.



**JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**9 AM - 3 PM**

**Performance: July 28 @ 7 pm**

Liya Music Camp 2023 is open to all instruments, including voice.

Campers will be immersed in two genres of music:

Traditional Classical & Contemporary Worship.


**The camp is open to students through High School age.**

The minimum requirement is to have studied your primary instrument for **at least 1 year**.

**Connect with others to grow in your musical ability.**

**Connect not only musically but also Spiritually.**

## \*Birthdays and Anniversaries\*

March Birthdays	March Anniversaries	April Birthdays
Sharon Brooks      March 04	Amy & Rick Pillow      March 15	Emilia Dimitrova      April 10
Randy Speer      March 05	Karen & David Hudnall      March 20	William Draper      April 12
Janice Jackson      March 09		Stuart Jackson      April 14
Lori Letchford      March 12	<b>April Anniversaries</b>	Emmerson Johnson      April 17
Susan Angus      March 14	Laura & Brent McCraw      April 23	Aaron McGlothlin      April 20
Amy Pillow      March 15	Susan & Sam Angus      April 24	Marcia Thom-Kaley      April 23
Rick Pillow      March 18		Drew Leazer      April 25
David Petty      March 19	<p style="font-family: cursive;">Anniversaries and Birthdays</p>	Emma Grace Thom      April 25
Bill Puckett      March 22		Jennifer Draper      April 26
Marty Diuguid      March 27		Lewis James      April 28
Shanda Horner      March 31		

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### All Men and Women serving in the Military

Travis Dean Burleigh – 7425 Snowy Owl St. Unit 102, N. Las Vegas, NV 89084

son of Shelley and Rev. Bill Burleigh

Matthew Diuguid – 3501 A Ave. 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, Bravo Company 266 Qm Bn; Fort Lee, VA 23801

Robert Allen Tyree – stationed at Fort Bragg, 1404 Brookville Ln., Lynchburg, VA 24502

Grandson of \*Mary Tyree

#### In Need of Prayer

Dee Brown ~ aunt of Christopher Lilley.

Phillip Burleigh ~ brother of Rev. Bill Burleigh

\*Noel Draper - 501 VES Road Drinkard 619, Lynchburg, VA 24503

Joanne Johnson ~ C/O Charlie Johnson @ Forest UMC 1150 Burnbridge Road, Forest, VA 24551

\*Christopher Lilley – 1705 Rivermont Ave. Apt 8, Lynchburg, VA 24503

Toby Lilley ~ Buena Vista, VA ~ uncle of Christopher Lilley.

\*Phil Ripley – C/O Julie Strong 1356 John Anderson Dr., Ormond Beach, FL 32176

Matthew Russell ~ Norfolk, VA ~ cousin of Sharon Brooks.

\*Alicia Speer – 1815 Rivermont Ave #68, Lynchburg, VA 24503

\*John Sweeney - 1487 Jennings Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24503

\*Cornell Thompson ~ 2029 Grace Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504

\*Robert Tyree – 1404 Brookville Lane, Lynchburg, VA 24502

son of \*Mary Tyree, brother of \*Debbie Chaffin

\* *Church members*

#### MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

February Offerings : 4,121.75

February Expenses: 22,950.78

Shortfall: 18,829.03



#### Prayer for Healing

Lord,  
look upon me with eyes of mercy,  
may your healing hand rest upon me,  
may your lifegiving powers  
flow into every cell of my body  
and into the depths of my soul,  
cleansing,  
purifying,  
restoring me to wholeness and strength  
for service in your Kingdom.  
Amen.

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In worship, praise and ministry, we respond to God's call by reaching out to all people with light, hope, and a vision of God's love.

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